

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 13, 14, 16-21, 23-26, 31, 32, and 34-36 are pending. Claims 13-14 and 31-32 were withdrawn. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 16-21, 23-26, and 34-36 are rejected.

Amendment to the specification

After review of the Examiner's office action, Applicants found that the amendment to the specification at page 12 made in the previous response includes an obvious error by Applicants. The amendment submitted herein correct such an error. This amendment does not introduce any new matter to the application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's comments in this Office Action.

Amendment to claims 1 and 19

Claims 1 and 19 are amended to correct the error Applicants made in the previous amendment. This amendment does not introduce new matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 16-21, 23-26, and 34-36 are rejected as lacking enablement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicants believe the amendment to the specification and the amendment to claims render the rejections moot. Particularly, Applicants wish to point out that ring-opening polymerization of a cyclic lactide initiated by an hydroxyl acid will be initiated by the hydroxyl group of the hydroxyl acid and proceed to form the polymer as now correctly presented in the amended specification and the claims.

The Examiner's explanation of ring opening of a cyclic lactide by an alkoxide is irrelevant to the ring-opening polymerization process of the cyclic lactide. Applicants understand the Examiner takes this effort to explain why Applicants previous amendment is incorrect. **Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner helpful comments.**

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. **If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment.** If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

Respectfully submitted,

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